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### Harm Reduction of Cigarettes



- There is no safe cigarette.
- We agree that smoking causes lung cancer and other diseases.
- PM USA takes the pursuit of harm reduction as a priority and does so in a responsible manner.
- PM USA shares the public health community's concern about smoker's exposure to smoke that can cause and augment disease.
- We welcome the input of the CDC on issues discussed today as well as those referenced in our letter dated July 22, 2004.



# Our Approach to Harm Reduction of Cigarettes

### Includes:

- Reduction of tobacco specific nitrosamines (TSNA) in leaf tobacco
- Electrically heated cigarette smoking system (EHCSS)
- Smoke Constituent Reduction program (SCoR)

### TSNA and PAH in Harm Reduction



- The public health community has identified some TSNAs\* as possible<sup>1</sup> and some PAHs\*\* as probable<sup>2</sup> causes of disease in smokers, but their relative contribution is unknown.
- If possible, PM USA will reduce TSNAs in tobacco used in our products, but their reduction is not sufficient for a reduced exposure/risk/harm claim.

1-IARC Monographs, Suppl. 7, 68, 1987 2-IARC Monographs, Suppl. 7, 58, 1987

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Tobacco specific nitrosamines

<sup>\*\*</sup> Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

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### TSNA and PAH in Harm Reduction

"The [TSNA] NNK is an organ-specific carcinogen that induces adenocarcinoma in the peripheral lung of mice, rats, and hamsters." Dietrich Hoffmann, Institute for Cancer Prevention American Health Foundation (2001)

By use of a weight-of-evidence approach, specific PAHs and [TSNA] NNK can be identified as probable causes of lung cancer in smokers, but the contribution of other agents cannot be excluded."

Stephen S. Hecht, PH.D., University of Minnesota Cancer Center (1999)

### **Outline**



- TSNAs in tobacco
- TSNAs and PAHs in cigarette smoke
- Reduction of TSNAs, PAHs and other smoke constituents in the gas/vapor phase and/or particulate phase (SCoR program and Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System)
- Comprehensive process to assess exposure reduction
- Exposure measurement
  - Smoking topography
  - Biomarkers
- Summary

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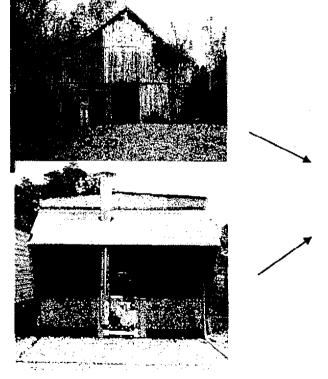
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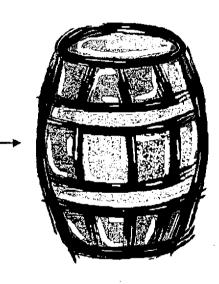


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Air-curing barn







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Flue-curing barn with heat exchanger

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# TSNA Levels and Their Reduction: Domestic Flue-Cured Tobacco



- Recognition in the late 1990s by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company that the use of direct-fired propane heaters increases TSNAs in flue-cured tobacco. \*
- Heat exchangers decrease TSNA levels by approx. 80-90%.
- In Feb. 2000, PM USA contributed \$35 million to the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation which aided farmers with \$66 million to install heat exchangers. \*\*
- Since 2001, PM USA Tobacco Farmer Partnering Program requires the use of heat exchangers.

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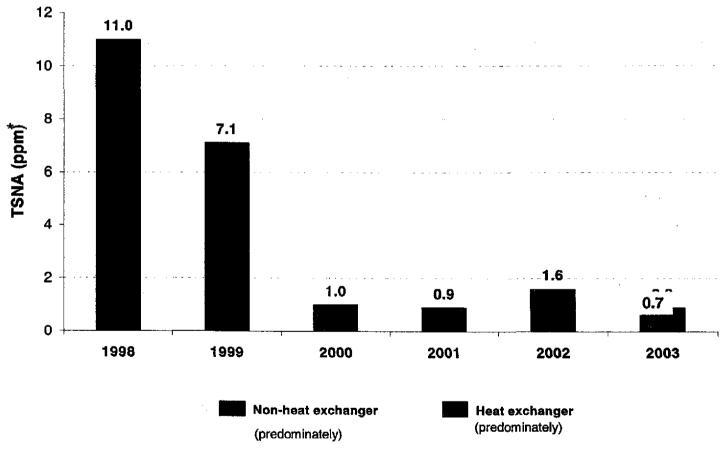
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Peele, D.M; et al., "Formation of tobacco-specific nitrosamines in flue-cured tobacco", Recent Adv. Tob. Sci. 27: 3-12; 2001
 "\* "Philip Morris USA Has Worked With American Farmers to Significantly Reduce the Level of Nitrosamines In American Grown Tobacco"
 PM USA press release, May 30, 2003

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# TSNA Levels and Their Reduction: Domestic Flue-Cured Tobacco





1998-1999 measurement taken at the end of curing by RJR\* \*

2000 - measurement taken at the end of curing by PM USA

\* NNN, NAT, NAB, NNK

1998 - 2000 measurements were of a limited number of barns and are not necessarily representative of the entire crop year

2001 - 2003 measurement taken at receiving stations by PM USA

N for 2001 - 2003 is 175 to 259

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\*\* Peele, D.M; et al., "Formation of tobaccospecific nitrosamines in flue-cured tobacco", Presentation to CDC Atlanta July 27, 2004 Recent Adv. Tob. Sci. 27: 3-12; 2001

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# TSNA Levels and Their Reduction: Domestic Air-Cured Tobacco

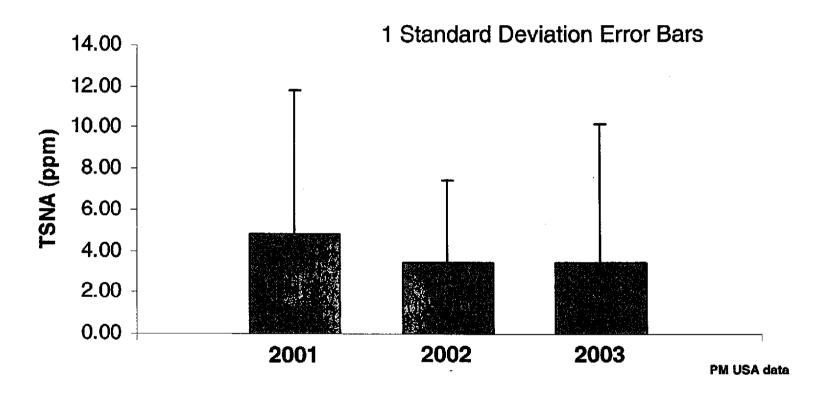


- No single approach is effective for reducing TSNAs in air-cured tobacco.
- Strategies to reduce TSNA levels
  - Seed screening ("cleaning")
  - Ongoing internal and external research
    - Reducing fertilizer usage
    - Modifying storage and handling practices
    - Increasing barn ventilation
    - Raising endogenous antioxidants

### Domestic Air-Cured Tobacco:



### Monitoring of TSNAs\* at Time of Purchase



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2001 - 2003 measurements taken at receiving stations.

Is not representative of air-cured tobacco used in PM blends

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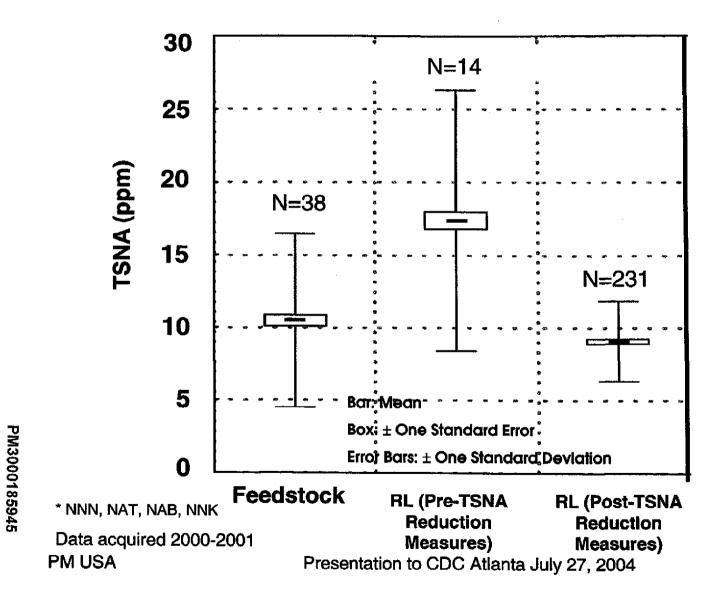
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# TSNA Levels and Their Reduction: Reconstituted Leaf



- Reconstituted leaf (RL) is the product of a paper makinglike process that uses a "feedstock" of tobacco stems, pieces of tobacco lamina and other materials primarily from air-cured and flue-cured tobacco.
- Measures implemented in 2000 to reduce TSNA formation during this process:
  - Additional microbial growth control
  - Additional process standards (e.g., temperature)
  - Refined cleaning schedules for each process stage
  - Fresh instead of recycled process water in the extraction-redilution stage

### Monitoring of TSNAs\* in Reconstituted Leaf



### Summary: TSNAs in Tobacco



- Supported by our research efforts, we are making progress in reducing levels of TSNAs in the domestic tobacco we purchase for our cigarette products.
- We are monitoring the effect of TSNA reduction in tobacco on the levels in cigarette smoke.

### TSNAs and PAHs in Mainstream Smoke

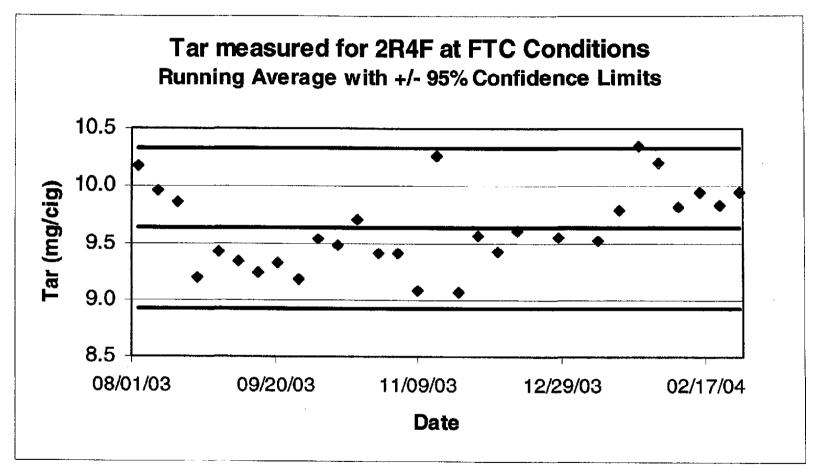


- Massachusetts Benchmark Study-1999
  - 26 (10 PM USA) commercial brand styles
  - Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) machine smoking conditions: 45cc, 30 s, 50% filter ventilation blockage
- Market Mapping Studies 2002 and 2004
  - 26 (11 PM USA) commercial brand styles 2002
  - 5 (5 PM USA) commercial brand styles 2004
  - Federal Trade Commission (FTC) machine smoking conditions (35 cc, 60 s, no vent blocking)
- Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System (EHCSS) – Accord brand style

- Within-Laboratory: acceptable day-to-day variability for validated methods
- Between-Laboratory: currently no standardized and interlaboratory validated smoke analysis methods except for FTC and ISO tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide
- Comparing smoke constituent data from different sources is a challenge without standardized methods.
- Standardized methods will be needed in regulated environments having cigarette performance standards and/or reporting requirements.

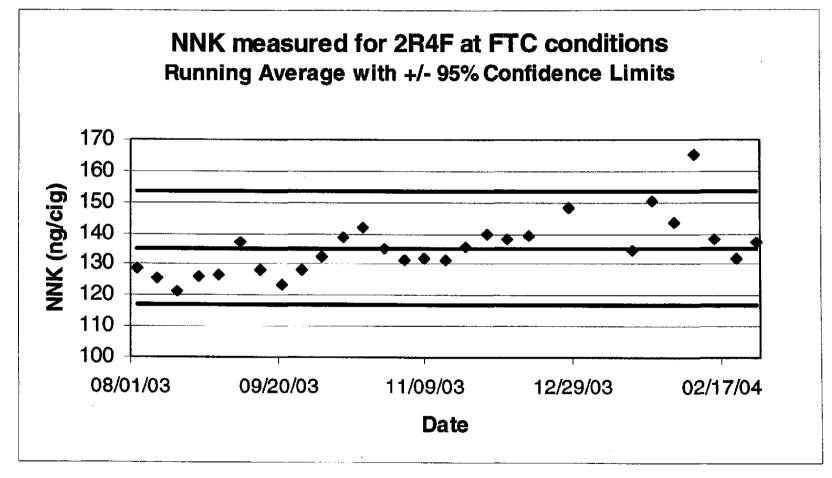






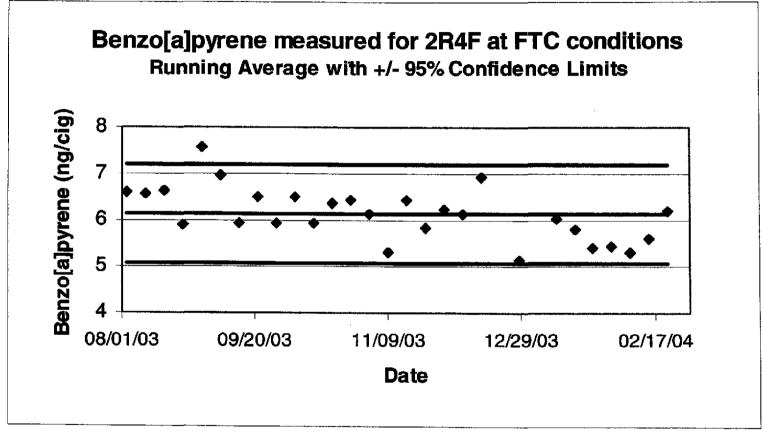
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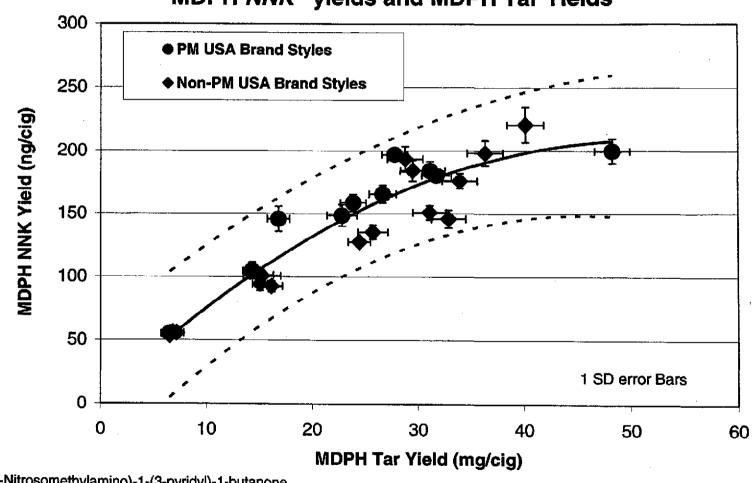


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#### 1999 Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health (MDPH) Benchmark Study

#### MDPH NNK\* yields and MDPH Tar Yields



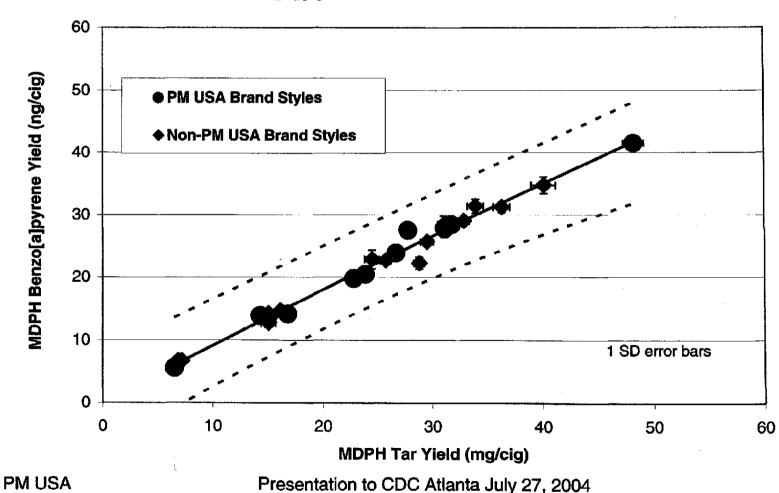
\*4-(N-Nitrosomethylamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone

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#### 1999 Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health (MDPH) Benchmark Study

#### MDPH Benzo[a]pyrene Yields with MDPH Tar Yields

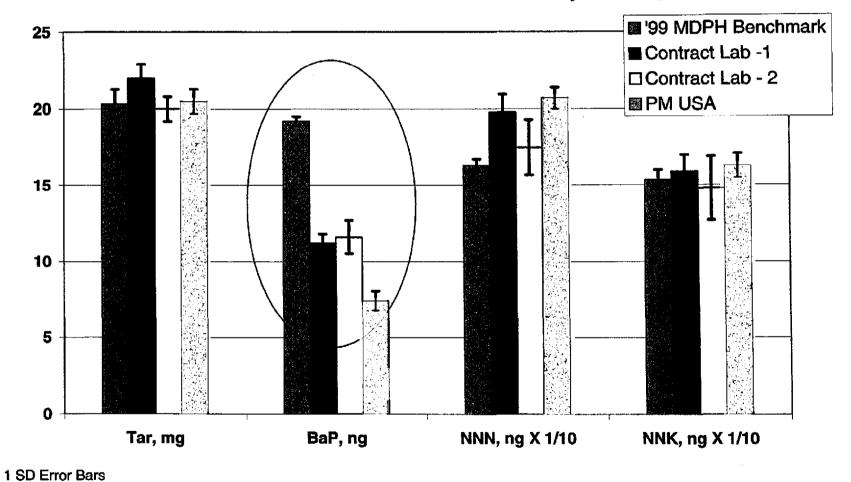


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# 1R4F Reference Cigarette Yields at MDPH Machine Conditions Points-in-Time Between-Lab Variability Examples

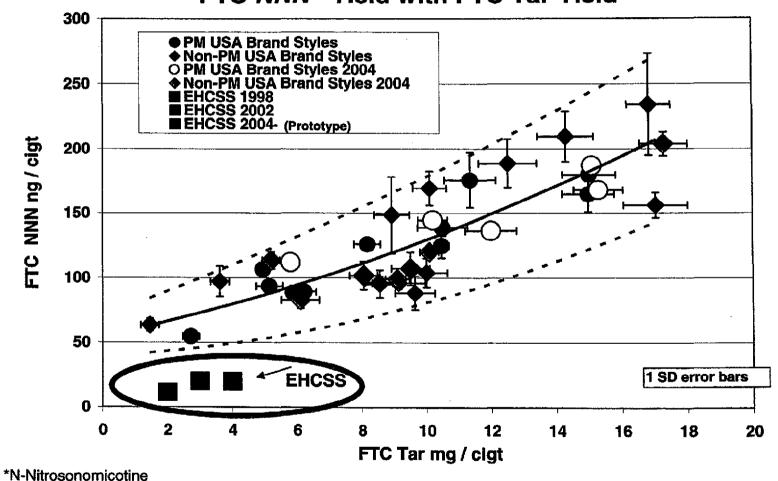


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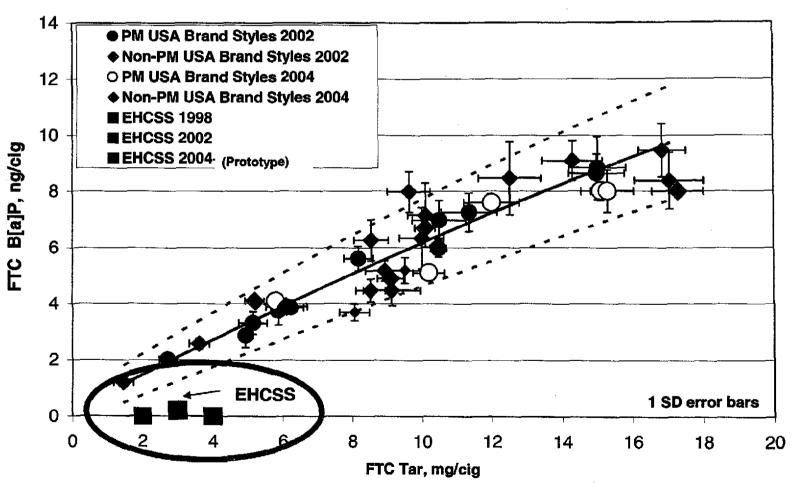
## 2002 and 2004 Domestic Brand FTC Mapping FTC NNN\* Yield with FTC Tar Yield



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## 2002 and 2004 Domestic Brand FTC Mapping FTC Benzo[a]pyrene Yield with FTC Tar



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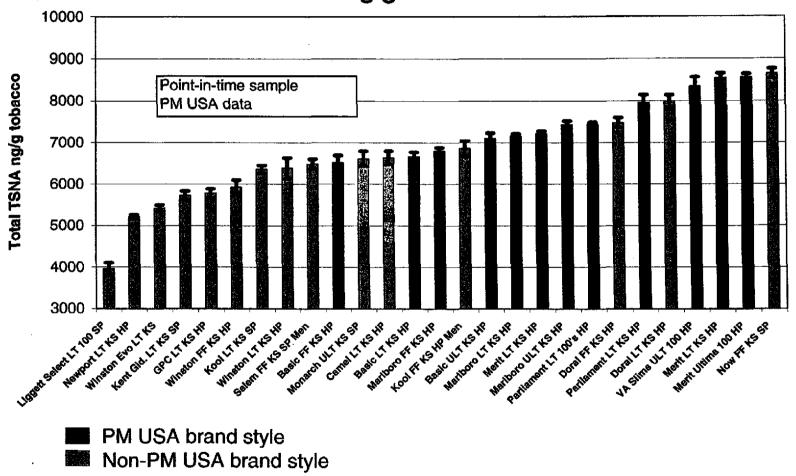


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#### 2002 Domestic Market Brand Styles

### Total Tobacco TSNA ng/g = NNN + NNK + NAT + NAB

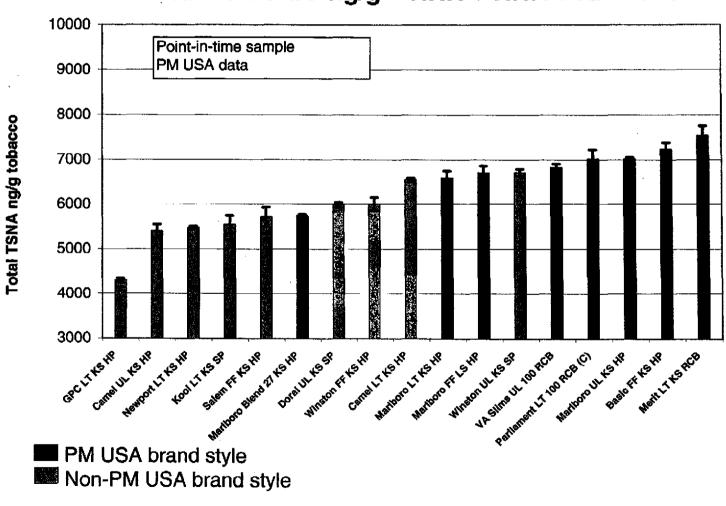






#### **2004 Domestic Market Samples**

### Total Tobacco TSNA ng/g = NNN + NNK + NAT + NAB



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### Variability over Time



- Short-term (days)
  - Variability in tobacco weight, filter ventilation, blend uniformity, etc., around targets
- Medium-term (months)
  - Components (papers, filters, ventilation), tobacco blend grades and sources
- Long-term (years)
  - Tobacco crop year inventories, component suppliers, cigarette design changes

ISO Standard 8243, Appendix C

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# Summary: TSNAs and PAHs in Cigarette Smoke

- Smoke constituent yields are a function of product design and tobacco blends used in those designs.
- TSNA and PAH yields generally correlate with tar in current commercial lit-end cigarettes.
- We have reduced both TSNAs and PAHs in cigarette smoke by heating rather than burning tobacco.
- Within-lab and between-lab analytical variability and product variability over time should be considered when assessing smoke constituent yield data.

### TSNAs, PAHs and Other Mainstream Smoke Constituen

<u>Polycyclic</u>	Aromatic Hydro	carbons

benz(a)anthracene benzo(b)fluoranthene benzo(i)fluoranthene benzo(k)fluoranthene benzo(a)pyrene

dibenz(a,h)anthracene dibenz(a,e)pyrene

dibenz(a,h)pyrene dibenz(a,i)pyrene

dibenz(a,l)pyrene indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene

5-methylchrysene

Phenois

catechol phenol

**Aromatic Amines** 

4-aminobiphenyl o-anisidine 2-naphthylamine o-toluidine

**N-Nitrosamines** 

nitrosodibutylamine nitrosodiethanolamine nitrosodiethylamine nitrosodimethylamine nitrosodipropylamine nitrosomethylethylamine nitrosonomicotine nitrosopiperidine nitrosopyrrolidine

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Selection Criteria: 1. CPSC (1993)

Known smoke constituents: IARC (1986) 3. Classified as carcinogens:

IARC (1998)

**Parameters** 

total particulate matter

water nicotine tar

carbon monoxide

Aliphatic Hydrocarbons

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1.3-butadiene Isoprene

Aldehydes

Acetaldehyde Acrolein Formaldehyde Propionaldehyde

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#### Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

benzene styrene toluene

Polycyclic Aza-arenes

dibenz(a,h)acridine dibenz(a.i)acridine

Aliphatic Nitrogen Compounds

acetamide acrylonitrile

1,1-dimethylhydrazine hydrogen cyanide 2-nitropropane urethane

Halogen Compounds

vinyl chloride

**Metals** 

arsenic cadmium chromium nickel lead

Inorganic Compounds

hydrazine nitrogen oxides

### Examples of Technologies Used in Our Smoke Constituent Reduction Program (SCoR)



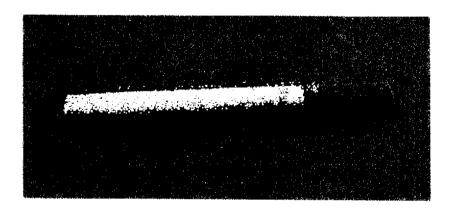
- Carbon filter technology (highly activated)
  - 70-90% reduction in some gas/vapor phase smoke constituents (under FTC conditions)
  - No selective reduction in particulate phase smoke constituents at this time

Lower TSNA flue-cured and air-cured tobaccoused in the blend

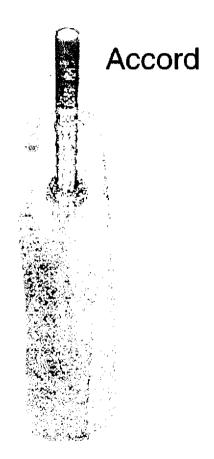
# Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System (EHCSS) (ACCORD)\*



Conventional Cigarette



- Tobacco Temp: 900
   <sup>o</sup> C
- Uncontrolled Heating



- Tobacco Temp: <500° C</li>
- Controlled Heating

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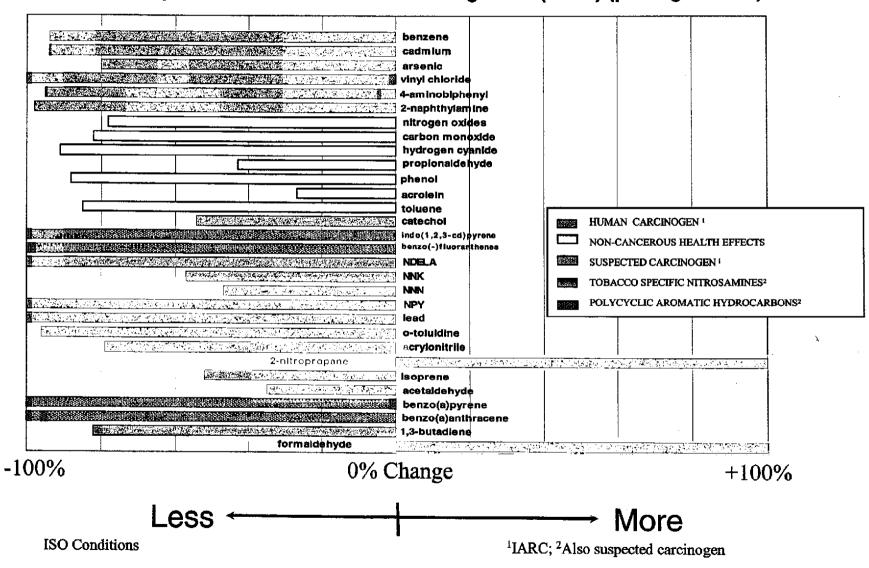
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\*2nd generation

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### **Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System: Smoke Constituents**

#### Amounts compared to a standard reference cigarette (1R4F) (per mg of TPM)



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## Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System:

- TSNAs and PAHs as well as many other mainstream smoke constituents of both the gas/vapor phase and the particulate phase are dramatically reduced compared to a standard reference cigarette.
- A few smoke constituents are increased vs. same standard reference cigarette (EHCSS, 1st generation).
- Reduced exposure substantiation requires a battery of chemical/biological/clinical tests to provide data for a weight of evidence assessment.

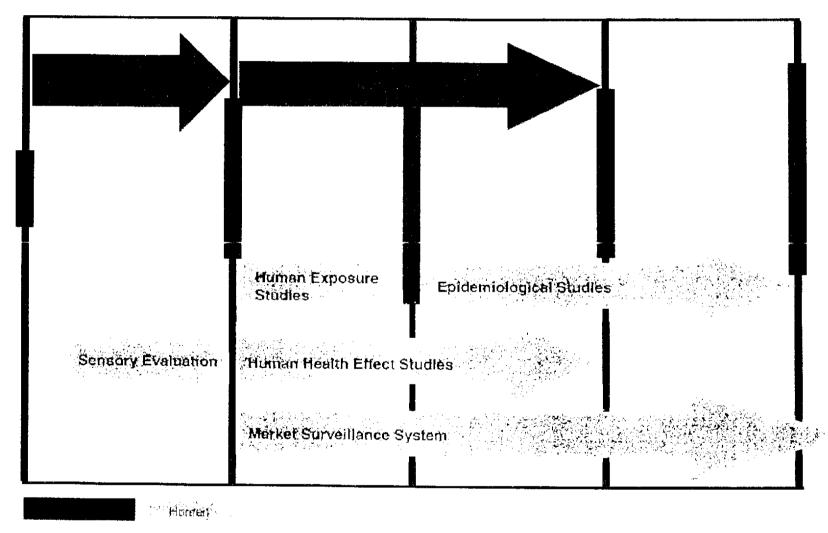
# Basis for PM USA's Comprehensive Approach to Develop and Market Potential Reduced Exposure/Risk Products (PREPS)

- Informed by / modeled upon recognized guidelines, e.g.,
  - Institute of Medicine (Clearing the Smoke: Assessing the Science Base for Tobacco Harm Reduction, 2001)
- Quality assurance and validation
- Sound scientific judgment
- Ongoing dialogue with the public health and scientific communities

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## A Sound and Relevant Harm Reduction Evaluation Process





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## Potential Reduced Exposure Products (PREPS) Evaluation

- Non-clinical (non-human)
  - Toxicological acceptability testing & toxicological review of ingredients
  - Detection of important toxic properties of chemicals
- Sensory (human)
  - Subjective sensory evaluation (e.g., adult smoker liking)
- Clinical (human)
  - Evidence of human exposure and potential links to specific health end-points
- Validation of adult smoker communications
  - Assessment of potential future communications that would be nonmisleading
- Surveillance (human)
  - Impact of new products that would be marketed with claims on smoking behavior (e.g., initiation, exposure, unexpected consequences) as it relates to health
- Weight of evidence assessment
  - Conclusions from the combined strength and coherence of inferences appropriately drawn from all of the available evidence
- External scientific communication
  - Review of our scientific data, methods and interpretations

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#### Other Guidance from Recognized Sources (Examples)



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- American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC),
   World Health Organization
- US National Toxicology Program (NTP)

#### **Bioanalytical method validation**

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

#### Biological validation of biomarkers

International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS),
 World Health Organization

### Ethical principles to guide human research

World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki

#### **Good Clinical Practice**

- International Congress on Harmonization (ICH)
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

#### Other Guidance from Recognized Sources (Examples)



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 European data bank of toxicological techniques (INVITTOX)

#### Toxicological assessment principles

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

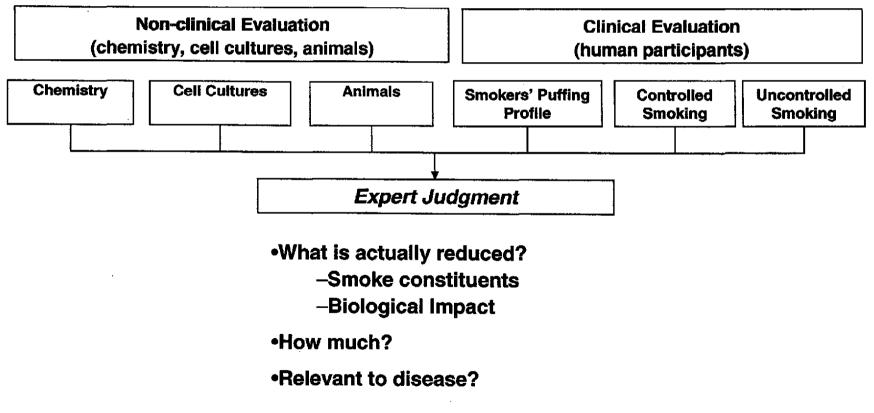
#### Weight of evidence assessment

- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC),
   World Health Organization
- US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- US Institute of Medicine (IOM)
- US National Research Council (NRC)
- US National Toxicology Program (NTP)
- World Health Organization (WHO)

#### Weight of Evidence Assessment



- Conclusions from the combined strength and coherence of inferences appropriately drawn from all of the available evidence
- Addresses IOM Regulatory Principle 4



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#### Surveillance (human)



Objective

To monitor the impact of a potential reduced exposure claim on smoking behavior, e.g., initiation, exposure and unexpected consequences as it relates to health.

- Market Surveillance System
   Smoking behavior is complex:
  - Smoking initiation
  - Quit attempts
  - Maintained abstinence after smoking cessation
  - Personal consumption patterns
- Exposure
- Unexpected Consequences: Tracking of health-related complaints
- Addresses IOM Regulatory Principle 6

#### Responsible Communication



Communication of the quality and quantity of changes to our products will require different communications to the <u>scientific community</u> and consumers.

#### Responsible PREP Consumer Communication



- Certain technologies are immediately apparent to the consumer (e.g., Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System)
- Taste compromise, or ritual change, may discourage smokers from switching in the absence of a PREP consumer communication.
- Ways to address the concern that communication of reduced exposure attributes to consumers may have an adverse effect on public health:
  - Not make a consumer PREP communication until we can scientifically substantiate reduced exposure
  - Discontinue communication if testing does not continue to support it
  - Evaluate the effect of such communication on overall health impact of smoking
- Evaluate consumer PREP communication of reduced exposure to determine whether adult smokers
  - Receive and understand the entire message including disclaimers, e.g., "not safer"
  - Receive communication that does not encourage unintended and erroneous implicit claims, e.g., "safer", "healthier"

### Summary: Comprehensive Process to Assess Exposure Reduction

 The scientific substantiation of reduced exposure from cigarette products requires a comprehensive process that takes the data contributed by a battery of relevant and validated test methods into consideration.

 In the absence of comprehensive regulation, PM USA is developing and using such a process and continues to gather data.





#### Exposure and its Measurement

 Actual exposure to smokers is an integral part of cigarette harm reduction evaluation

PM USA will incorporate such data in its harm reduction evaluation



#### Assessment of Exposure

Requires adult smokers to participate.

#### Types of investigations

- Population studies current market
- Clinical switching studies PREPs\*

#### Tools

- Questionnaires (e.g., daily cigarette consumption)
- Smoke constituent yields (modeling)
- Human smoking topography (puffing profiles)
- Biomarkers of exposure

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<sup>\*</sup> PREPs - potential reduced exposure/risk products

#### Exposure is Measured Only in Part by Human Topography

- Human topography:
   Set of parameters exhibited by humans during the smoking process.
- Two distinct phases:
  - Puffing: closure of soft palate which limits smoke access to the mouth only
  - Inhalation/exhalation: smoke mixing with a dilution volume, transport to lungs

Smoking Topography	Post Topography Processes	Metabolism
<ul><li>puff duration</li><li>puff volume</li><li>puff frequency</li><li>puff interval</li></ul>	<ul> <li>depth of inhalation</li> <li>retention time</li> <li>% puff inhaled/mouth leak</li> <li>dilution volume</li> <li>deposition</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>age</li> <li>gender</li> <li>genetic polymorphisms</li> <li>enzyme induction</li> <li>body composition</li> <li>physical fitness</li> </ul>

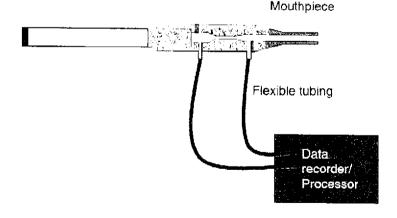
### Exposure: Human Smoking Topography

PM USA has conducted research into puffing profiles of adult smokers.



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#### CReSSmicro™ device¹



#### **Puffing Parameters**

- Puff Volume
- Puff Duration
- Inter-Puff Interval
- Peak Flow
- Time of Peak Flow
- Puffs per Cigarette
- Time to First Puff
- Time to Removal
- Date and Time

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Clinical Research Support System (CReSS) manufactured by Plowshare Technologies, Inc., MD PM USA Presentation to CDC Atlanta July 27, 2004

#### Instrument Validation Issues



- Accuracy and precision of measurements
  - Varies with puff profile
  - Threshold adjustments
  - Relative vs. absolute values
- Temporal variation
- Resulting in, e.g.:
  - Puff duration underestimated, esp. at low flows
  - Missed puffs
  - Non-plausible puff volumes

#### Validated Biomarkers of Exposure



BIOMARKER	BIOFLUID	SMOKE CONSTITUENT	SMOKE PHASE
Carboxyhemoglobin	Blood	Carbon monoxide	GVP
Cotinine	Blood	Nicotine	PP
Nicotine and nicotine metabolites	Urine	Nicotine	PP
NNAL and NNAL-glucuronide	Urine	NNK	PP
Hb adducts of 3- and 4-aminebiphenyl	Blood	3- and 4-aminobiphenyl	ΡP
1-Hydroxypyrene, glucuronide, sulfate	Urine <sup>c</sup>	Pyrenes (PAHs)	PP
З-Hydroхургоруlmercapturic acid (3- НРМА)	Urine	Acrolein	GVP
Monohydroxy-3-butenyl mercapturic acid (MHBMA)	Urine <sup>c</sup>	1,3-butadiene	GVP
S-Phenylmercapturic acid	Urines	Benzene	GVP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> cotinine, 3-hydroxycotinine, nicotine-*N*-glucuronide, cotinine-*N*-glucuronide, and *trans-3'*-hydroxycotinine *O*-glucuronide; <sup>b</sup>GVP: gas-vapor phase; PP: particulate phase;

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c 24-h urine collection



#### Exposure: Population Studies

- Measurements of actual human exposure.
- Limited baseline data exist for population exposure to cigarette smoke.
- Current machine-derived and topography data insufficient for full evaluation of actual human exposure.
- Use of biomarkers of exposure.
- Total Exposure Study



#### Total Exposure Study (TES)

A statistically powerful cross-sectional observational study

to determine the exposure of adult US cigarette smokers to cigarette smoke:

- To compare selected biomarkers among adult US smokers and non-smokers
- Covering all tar yield categories

### TES - Study Design and Population



- Ambulatory, multi-center study with approx. 4,500 participants in 5 parallel groups
  - Approx. 3,500 adult smokers in 4 groups based on FTC tar delivery categories, representative of adult US smokers population regarding:
    - age
    - gender
    - geographic location
    - ethnic distribution
    - socioeconomic distribution (income and education)
  - Approx. **1000** adult non-smokers
- 41 Sites across US

#### Nicotine and Metabolites in 24-h Urine



Molar sum = Nicotine equivalents (96% nicotine uptake)\*

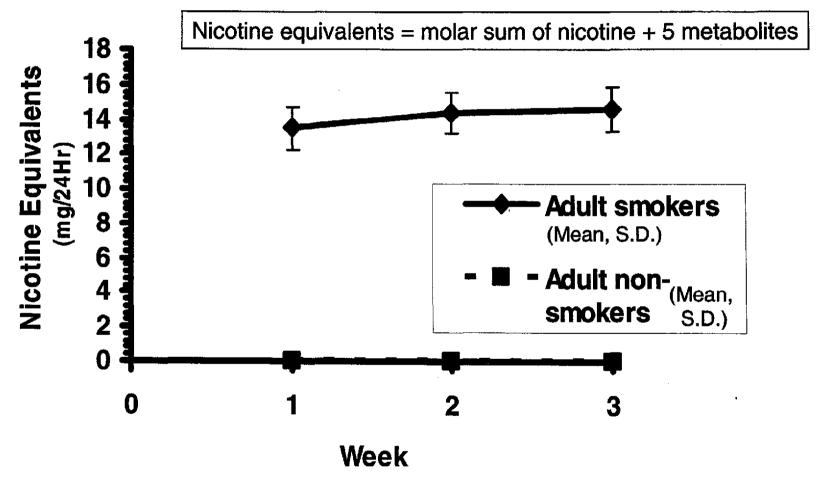
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\* Andersson et al. (1997)

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### Pilot TES – Nicotine Equivalents





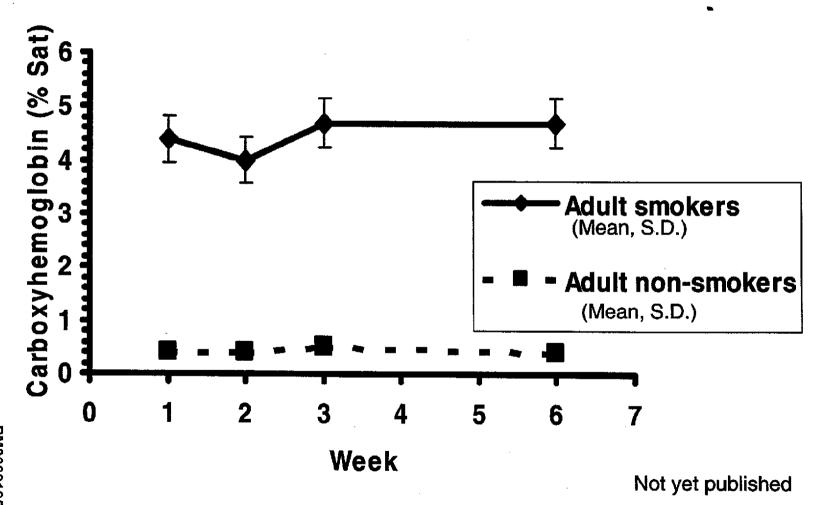
Data (mean  $\pm$  SD); 72 adult smokers (3.0-6.9 mg FTC tar/cig.), 68 adult nonsmokers Kinser et al. (2002), 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of SRNT, Savanah, GA (in part)

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### Pilot TES - Carboxyhemoglobin





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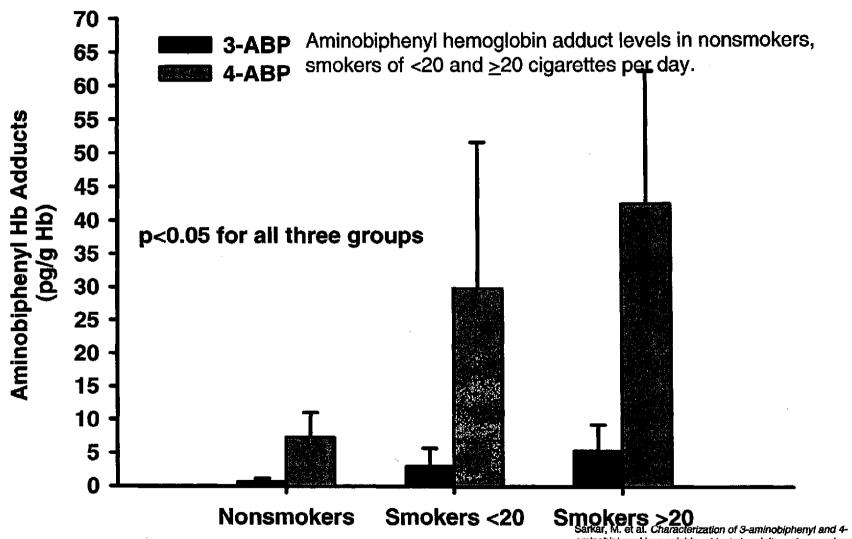
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### Pilot TES - Aminobiphenyl Hb Adducts

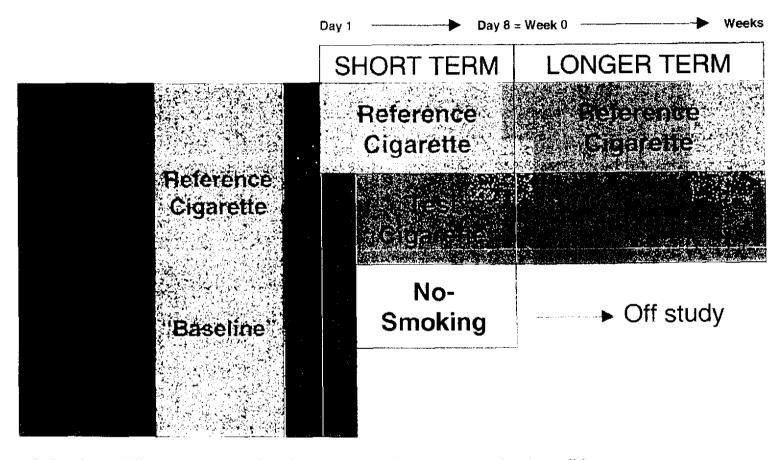




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#### Exposure: Clinical Evaluation Methodology





- •Collection of clinical exposure data from adult smokers under defined conditions
- ·Randomized clinical studies with forced switching
- Usually 20 adult smokers per group
- Controlled or uncontrolled smoking
- •Biomarkers assessed at baseline and at various times after switching

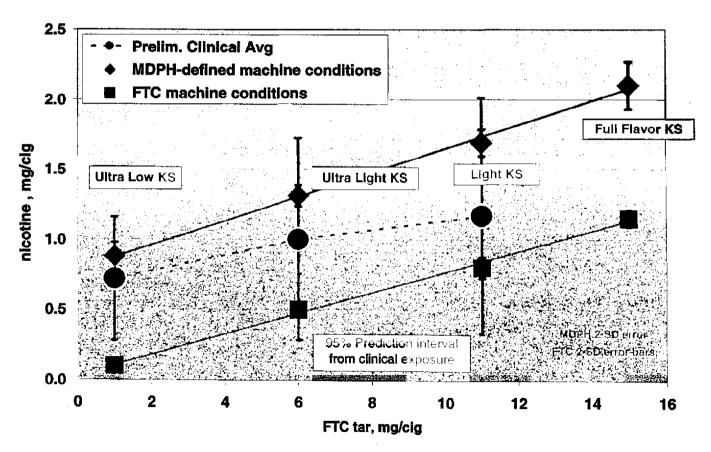
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#### Comparison of Human Exposure and Machinederived Smoke Constituent Yields

Preliminary clinical switching studies nicotine exposure results relative to machine yields from Massachusetts Dept. of Health and FTC defined conditions



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#### Summary



- We are making progress in reducing levels of TSNAs in the domestic tobacco we purchase for our cigarette products, but have not yet seen a reduction in smoke of conventional lit-end cigarettes.
- Promising technologies are being developed to reduce harmful compounds in the gas/vapor phase (SCoR program).
- We have reduced TSNAs and PAHs in cigarette smoke by heating rather than burning tobacco (Electrically Heated Cigarette Smoking System).
- Human exposure can best be assessed using validated biomarkers.
- Smoke constituent yields and human topography can contribute to our understanding of exposure when validated/standardized methods are available and variability, such as those originating from the tobaccos, are taken into consideration.
- The scientific substantiation of reduced exposure from cigarette products requires a comprehensive process that takes the data contributed by a battery of relevant and validated tests into consideration.

#### PM USA Current Plans re PREPs



- Continue to evaluate products utilizing SCoR and EHCSS technology to determine whether they meet the Institute of Medicine (IOM) criteria for substantiation of reduced exposure claims.
- Continue to evaluate how best to communicate scientifically substantiated reduced exposure claims to adult smokers clearly and in a manner that is not "false or misleading".
- In the interim, test market products utilizing SCoR technology to gauge adult smoker acceptance of taste/flavor without reduced exposure claims (similar to ongoing testing of EHCSS technology).